



## Traffic Safety Bulletin

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# A POLE IN ONE!



When operating a squadrol or three wheel motorcycle as an emergency vehicle adjust your driving skills accordingly, since maneuverability and handling differ greatly from that of a passenger vehicle.

### PURSUIT RESTRICTIONS

Department members are reminded of the following restrictions in regard to Motor Vehicle pursuits as stated in General Order 81-8, Add. 1A:

- a. Squadrols, other truck chassis vehicles and three wheel motorcycles will not be used for motor vehicle pursuits.
- b. Officers will not engage in pursuit while there is a citizen in the Department vehicle. This includes arrestees, victims, witnesses and non-sworn members of the Department.
- c. Officers operating unmarked vehicles may only engage in pursuits in the event of an extreme emergency. Whenever a marked vehicle becomes available to take over the pursuit, the unmarked vehicle will withdraw from active pursuit and will serve in a support function for the marked vehicle.

**BUCKLE UP** to prevent your body from "leaving the scene accidentally". Seat belts prevent or reduce the force of body impact against the instrument panel, windshield, or door posts, thereby reducing many injuries.



#### **ARE YOU AWARE?**

When an accident and/or damage occurs to a Department vehicle from any cause and a notification is made to the Motor Maintenance Control Board as prescribed by Department directives, the member is required to submit a Department Vehicle Accident and Damage Report.

#### **BEAT MEN, TRAFFIC MEN**

Traffic accidents involving Department vehicles require the investigating officer to obtain driver and witness statements. A driver statement from the Department member is not required.

#### **LAW CORNER**

Only uniformed officers in marked police vehicles are authorized to charge persons with violations of Chapter 95½ Section 11-204, IVC, "Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer".